

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1) (Currently amended): A method of making product wraps, comprising the steps of:

causing a continuous strip ~~{3}~~ of wrapping material, presenting at least two bands ~~{4}~~ of adhesive extending parallel with its longitudinal dimension, to advance along a predetermined path;

cutting the strip ~~{3}~~ transversely along dividing lines ~~{10}~~ to obtain a plurality of leaves ~~{11}~~ each presenting longitudinal edges ~~{10a}~~ coinciding with relative dividing lines ~~{10}~~;

associating at least one product ~~{2}~~ with a respective substantially central area of each leaf ~~{11}~~;

folding each leaf ~~{11}~~ around a relative product ~~{2}~~ and bringing together the two longitudinal edges ~~{10a}~~ to form a tubular sheath;

closing the ends of the tubular sheath to obtain a wrap ~~{1}~~,
~~characterized in that it comprises a step,~~

~~preceding the step of folding each leaf {11} around a relative product {2}, of establishing, at least one point portion {A} between the two adhesive bands {4} and coinciding with the transverse dividing line {10}, from which to initiate an easy tear along a direction substantially transverse to the longitudinal edges {10a} of the leaf {11},~~

generating, on the easy tear portion, at least one notch on each dividing line, extending parallel to the longitudinal dimension of the strip and intersecting the relative line, and

generating a second notch intersecting transversely the first notch.

2) (Cancelled)

3) (Currently amended) A method as in claim 2 1, comprising wherein the further step of generating a second notch ~~{8}~~ coinciding with the first notch ~~{7}~~ and serving serves to

create an indentation (12) and a projection (13) on the opposite longitudinal edges (10a) presented by each leaf (11).

4) (Currently amended) A method as in claim 3, wherein the first notch (7) and the second notch (8) are generated prior to the step of cutting the strip (3) transversely along the dividing lines.

5) (Currently amended) A method as in claim 3, wherein the first notch (7) and the second notch (8) are generated simultaneously with the step of cutting the strip (3) transversely along the dividing lines.

6) (Currently amended) A method as in claim 3, wherein the steps of generating the first notch (7), generating the second notch (8) and cutting the strip (3) transversely along the dividing lines are implemented in sequence.

7) (Currently amended) A method as in claim 3, wherein the second notch (8) presents an outline substantially of one of a "U" shape, ~~or substantially of~~ "Vee" shape, ~~or substantially of~~ "W" shape, or ~~or substantially of~~ "S" shape.

8) (Currently amended) A method as in claim 3, wherein the step of generating a second notch (8) comprises the subsidiary step of piercing the easy tear portion ~~point~~ (A) in such a way as to create two indentations (12) in each leaf (11), each presented by a respective longitudinal edge (10a).

9) (Currently amended) A method as in claim 3, wherein the step of cutting the strip (3) transversely along the dividing line (10) comprises the subsidiary steps of making two distinct cuts along the selfsame line, each extending from the second notch (8) toward a longitudinal edge (3a) of the strip (3).

10) (Currently amended) A method as in claim 2 ~~1~~, wherein the step of generating at least one first notch ~~(7)~~ parallel to the longitudinal dimension of the strip ~~(3)~~ is implemented before the step of cutting the strip ~~(3)~~ transversely along the dividing line ~~(10)~~.

11) (Currently amended) A method as in claim 1, wherein the step of establishing an easy tear portion point (A) comprises the step of generating at least one segment ~~(7a)~~ of broken line appearance positioned to coincide with the transverse dividing line ~~(10)~~.

12) (Currently amended) A method as in claim 11, wherein the broken line segment ~~(7a)~~ extends the full length of the transverse cut made across the strip ~~(3)~~.

13) (Currently amended) A method as in claim 1, wherein the continuous strip ~~(3)~~ presents second adhesive bands ~~(5)~~ extending transversely to the longitudinal dimension of the strip ~~(3)~~, each coinciding with a relative easy tear portion point (A).

14) (Currently amended) A method as in claim 1, comprising the step of twisting the ends of the tubular sheath to produce a sealed double twist wrap ~~(+)~~.

15) (Currently amended) A method as in claim 1, comprising the step, implemented as the strip ~~(3)~~ advances along the predetermined direction and before the step of generating the notches, of applying the first and second adhesive bands ~~(4, 5)~~ to the selfsame strip.

16-24. (Cancelled)